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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

PHILOSOPHER'S STONE .- Professors of the art of chemistry were dignified with the appellation of alchymistic philosophers. About the 10th century the leading doctrine was that all metals are composed of the same simple substances; consequently base metals might be changed into gold. The chief object of these alchymists was the discovery of an agent by which this change was to be effected. The substance supposed to possess this wonderful property was called the Philosopher's Stone-the touch of which was to change metallic substances into gold .-The art of making the Universal Medicine, or Elixir of Life, was deemed to exist in it

NQUIRER.-It is stated by Plutarch that Alexander the Great ordered his men to be shaved. The practice of shaving, however, was introduced among the Romans 296

SCHOLAR. - Paper made of cotton was introduced into Spain in the 11th century; into Italy, France and Germany about 1300 .-The first paper-mill in England was erected 1588; but your school-mate is right, for not until 1690 were the finer kinds manufactured there.

SUBSCRIBER. - We cannot spare space to give the details of an Egyptian Temple. If you please, you may call and read for yourself.
Or, as the Tabernacle in the Wilderness and the Temple of Solomon, of which the former furnished the model, were built similar to Egyptian Temples, if you read in any author a description of the former, you will get as correct an idea as possible of the

YOUR READER.-A perusal of this number is the better reply under the circumstances.

ORIGIN. - The Mason and Dixon Line .- Unquestionably you are wrong. In the year 1761, Charles Meson was sent from England to settle the difference of opinion that had evisted between Lord Baltimore and William Penn during 1682, and which the

commissioners, in 1755, could not agree upon. He and Jercmiah Dixon were appointed to run the line, and this is the famous Mason and Dixon's Line. A detailed account will be found in Douglass' History of America, published in 1761 .-Little was it thought then that this would be connected with a subject calculated to shake a great nation to its centre.

DOUBTFUL .- Volcanos .- Your informant is not in error. The volcano in Iceland, called Skaptar Jokul, is one of the instances he referred to-it having, in 1783, discharged a terrific torrent of liquid fire, during six weeks, which, running ninety miles seaward and extending fifty miles in breadth, dried up twelve givers

LADY READER .- Kitto .- The cause of our frequently referring to Kitto is because he achieved an extensive and deserved fame. and triumphed over disadvantages seemingly insurmountable. Lamed by a fall rendered deaf by an accident in early youth, with a dissipated father and a broken-hearted mother-left to himself to wander about what was there to hinder him from absolute vagabondism and worthlessness? First a barber's apprentice, then a mason's hodcarrier, he turned into a shoemaker, (when disabled by a fall,) hammered by his brutal master, because he could not hear his bitter rebukes; yet, withal, energetic, firm and patient, this dependent boy grew up into the diligent, untiring, large-souled man, and carved his name among the justly-honored of his generation. The Memoir, by Ryland, affords a graphic picture of what Kitto was, and many an useful hint as to what one ought to be.

Heroines of Sacred History.

Twas night in Persia. * Elam's burning god had passed to other lands, leaving his tarry train "to rule the night." † Arcturus and all his sons were out—Orion and the Pleiades, shedding soft brilliancy over many a perfumed vale, mountain and desert lone. Gently their rays were flung over the stately city of Susa, and fairy gardens of the Royal Palace. Here, flowers, rare and lovely, were giving forth their fragrance to the night. Myriads of roses. jas'mines, myrtles and sweet oleander-glowing pomegranate, almond, graceful chinar and citron, were gathered in gorgeous groups, or bending over the silvery and gushing fountains ‡

A royal banquet ball arose in this sweet

Eden. Gorgeous in its magnificence, it was worthy its royal master. The floor was a rare mosaic of marble and porphry and alabaster

* Elam, Elymais, name of a province of Persia of which Shushan (Susa) was the capi tal .- Elam's burning God -The sun which, with the other heavenly bodies, the Persians

+ Arcturus &c. Names of stars.

t Perhaps no part of the globe furnished better fruits and flowers than Persia. Shushan has her name from the flower grown round it: the word means lily.

which gave it the glow of a rich paintings Pillars of marble encircled the apartment, suspended to which by silver rings were hanging, of rich stuffs, of white and green and scarlet, looped up with silver cords. A table in the form of a crescent occupied the centre of the room, covered with every rare viand and delicieus fruit, and thick set with delicately sculptured vases and cups of gold and silver set with precious stones, bearing the most exquisite wines of Helbon and Damascus, the sweet water of Choaspes, sacred to the roy-

Around this luxurious board, reclining upon silver couches? covered with purple cushions were the chief nobles of the court of Artaxerxes. In the centre was the monarch, array ed in robes of scarlet and purple, adorned with gold and jewels, and wearing the royal tiara, of cloth of silver and purple silk twisted, which bore a short plume, erect in front. Next the king, sat his seven counsellors, the heads of the seven noblest families in Persia, descendants of the conspirators against the usurper, Smerdis, the Magian, and privileged, in memory of the confusion of that hour, to wear the plumes which decorated their white linen turbans, a-slant.

A dazzling light was thrown over the richly laden table by silver chandeliers, while the hall resounded with music and merry laughter. This was the seventh day of the royal feast-a feast given by the king to all his officers and nobles, in commemoration of the peace which his unremitting efforts had procured to the one hundred and twenty provinces of his vast kingdom.*† Silence was commanded at the table, and the king spoke:

"This is the last day of the feast, my lords, let it in joy and mirth exceed the rest. Stint not the wine, 'tis parent of wit and merriment. And yet I would not force your will -let it be the law of our feast that none drink in courtesy more than it pleasureth him."-

Loud applause followed this gracious address from their morarch—the golden flagons were replenished, and jewelled cups flashed in the light.

"Still it becometh me not," continued the king, "to argue in the praise of wine, for what sayeth the writer. 'It reduces the king, the infant, the poor and rich, to one level. It maketh the heart so joyous that monarchs and governors are no longer feared—the love of friends and kindred are forgotten, and swords are often drawn between them."

with gold and silver thread.

The spartments of the palace could not contain the great number of revellers.

* This statement seems to be devoid of an historical basis. Though the Ahasuerus of the Bible is not identified with certainty, the incidences of the life and character of Xerxes coincide best with the life of king Ahasuerus as portrayed in the chapter of Eether. Of Xerxes we read, Herodot vii: 8, that in the third year of his reign, he assembled his chief of ficers to deliberate on the invasion of Greece; this, with a number of other incidents, agree fully with the Biblical accounts.

"Bravely bath my lord spoken of wine, said his favorite, Mamucan, who sat next to him; "it is truly a potent thing, and readily masters man, the lord of the earth. But, if I dared hazard an opinion, there exists a more powerful thing than wine-"

"What may that be, Mamucan?" said his

royal master. "Say on!"

'It is the king," said the favorite. "Man is lord of the earth, you say; he planteth the vineyard and maketh the wive, and doth not the king command all men? If he command to kill, they kill; if he command to spare, they spare; if he bid them to go to war, to br down mountains, walls and towers, it is done; if he command to make desolate, to build, to cut down, to plant, man obeyeth him. Confess, then, all ye who hear me, that the king is the most powerful thing in the world."

"Yes wine is strong and the king is strong, but I know what excelleth both in power,' said prince Admath.

"Speak on," said the king.

"It is woman, my lord. If mankind rule the world, doth not woman rule him? He that planteth the vine, and the king who commandeth sea and land, owe their existence to her. A man leaveth his father, mother and country for his wife. For her he will hold as dust all gold and gems and every precious thing of the earth. Will not a man labor more faithfully for the woman of his love than for his king? Yea, he will rob, and spoil, and brave the dangers of the sea, the fury of lions and the terrors of darkness, to gain treasure to lay at a woman's feet! Men have lost their wits, have become slaves, have sinned and have perished for woman's sake. Even the king, commander of the earth, does not he in turn obey a woman? Have I not seen his fair slave, Apame, sitting beside him upon the throne, taking the crown from his august head to place upon her own ?-nay, even strike the monarch unchidden! Have I not seen him fear her anger, and sue and flatter to be received into favor again? Then acknowledge. oh, king ! and ye, oh lords! that woman hath more power than wine or the king."

Universal applause crowned the orator who had so skilfu'ly advanced the claims of the female sex to sovereignity. He was declared conqueror in the debate, and the sparkling cups were once more filled high to the honor of woman. A momentary silence succeeded the clamor, during which a deep sigh was heard in the apartment. All started at this unusual sound in the banquet hall, and the king, turning, beheld beside him his cup bearer, a Hebrew captive, who stood with his arms folded in his linen mantle, his eyes fixed pensively on the ground, and his whole figure so expressive of mournful musing, as to pres.nt a complete contrast to the merry and gaily dressed courtiers.

"How now, Nehemiah? said the king, "why art thou so sad? Why this heart sorrow

" Let the king live for ever!" said the cap-

tive Hebrew; "and let my lord not rebuke me

for why should not my countenance be sad

when the place of my fathers' sepulchre lieth

waste, and the gates are consumed with fire?"

when all are so gay?"

"Nay, do not mar our joy by thy gloom. Cheer up, Nehemiah-come, tell us which thou thinkest the strongest in the worldwine, the king or woman?"

"They are all excellent in strength, my lord; but, oh, king, there is something more powerful than these !" said the Hebrew.

"And what may that be? asked the king. smiling at the courtiers, who all looked forward, expecting some amusement at the captive's reply.

"Truth is stronger," replied the Hebrew. "Earth and Heaven bow to the power of Truth. In wine, and the king, and woman, is error and death; but truth endureth always, and conquereth for evermore. True is the earth to her seasons, and swift and true the stars in their course. In the judgment of truth there is no unrighteousness; but the children of men are wicked. Truth is the strength, and kingdom, and power, and majesty of all ages. Blessed be the god of truth!"

The Hebrew was silent; a sudden awe fell upon the assembly, and they exlaimed, as if with one voice-" Great is truth and mighty

above all things!"
"Well hast thou spoken, Hebrew," said the king. I here pronounce thee conqueror in this our argument, and will give thee any boon thou shalt ask !"

The Hebrew, with a silent ejaculation to his God, knelt before Artaxerxes. "If it please thee, oh, king!" he said, "let me be sent to Judes with power to re-build our holy temple and the god of truth shall bless thee evermore !

"Thy request is granted. Remind me of this to-morrow, when I will write the fitting orders."

With many thanks, and a heart filled with gratitude to God, the Hebrew-fell back beind his beneficent master.

"The Hebrew is wise," said the king; "but he has thrown a shade over our mirth. Come, fill up, my lords-let us drink to woman. I give you the fairest in Persia, Queen Vashti!" When they had drank, Prince Mamucan observed: "We drink to her beauty, my lord, upon our faith in your taste; for the lovely queen hath blest our eyes."

"Tis true," said the king; "but you shall judge for yourselves. I will force you to acknowledge her pre-eminence. Bid the Lord Chamberlain appear !"

In the bustle of their entrance, Prince Carshena whispered into the ear of Mamucan "What have you done, Prince? You have sealed your own ruin! The queen, already your enemy, will be incensed against you for suggesting this to the king, and she will leave nothing undone to work your woe. Nay, when the effect of the wine is over, the king will see his error, and you will be sacrificed to appease her."

You are short-sighted, Carshena," said the Prince, cooly. "Do you not see I am planning her downfall instead of my own? Since she prevailed upon the king to give the government of Sardis, for which I sued, to her favorite, Haman, I have vowed her destruction. Fate now serves me. I have not worshipped Ahrimanes in vain. Vashti will refuse to come, for her spirit is high—the king will be enraged, and 1 will so work upon his anger, that she will be degraded from her ill-deserved state!"

"Repair to the Woman's Court," said the king to his chamberlain, who stood before him "Bid Queen Vashti appear in her royal robes, with the crown upon her head, that all may behold her beauty and confess my taste unquestioned."

The chamberlain bowed and departed, Passing through the starlit garden, whose fresh air and sweet odors were grateful after breading the heat and fumes of the banquet hall, they were admitted through a large gate into a marble court, with its usual adornment of a whispering fountain and vases of rare flowers. Around this were built the rooms appropriated to the women of the palace. A large saloon fronted the gate, from which echoed the silvery laugh and melodious tones of female

Here Queen Vashti held a feast to the ladies of the court, and the wives of those princes who sat at the king's table. The walls of this apartment were richly painted, or adorned with delicate flower-work, carved in cedar and brightly gilded. Gorgeous Babylonean car-

pets were spread upon the marble floor, and the softened light of alabaster lamps, reflected from silver mirrors, threw a gentle moon-like radiance over the room and its fair young

TO BE CONTINUED.]

Remarkable Case.

SUICIDE PREVENTED.

Mr. S. B. Brittan. in his "Telegraph" 1855, gives us the following curious stanc of the prevention of a suicide. Dr P. B. Randolph of New York, is the subject of the history he states as follows:

At a recent spiritual conferenc, P. B. Randolph, medium and clairvoyant physician of this city, related some facts in his early experience, among which we regard the following as especially remarkable; Some eight or ten years ago he followed the sea in the capacity of cabin boy. The captain and mate were severe men, and was subjected to much abuse from them. On one occasion they had beaten him cruelly and driven him to utter desperation, when he felt an interior impulse to cast himself into the ea and so end his troubles. He ran for that purpose, totward the side of the vessle, but just as he was about to take the fatal leap he saw the apparition of an arm and hand rising above the water, and beckoning him to go back. He suddenly stopped and nearly fell backward; but after pursuading himself that this figure was a mere phantom of the imagination, he rallied for a still more despirate effort, resolving not to be diverted from his purpose this time. As he approached the side of the vessla however, the same power that on the briner occasion affected his eye, now worked upon his internal ear aud eye; he imagined to see the whole form of his diseased mother floating above the waves, and this time she addressed him, speaking to his internal hearing and commanding him to desist from his purpose, saying that the time for him to leave the world had not yet arrived, and that there was an important work for him to do in the future. He was thus saved from the suicide's death, and strengthened to endure the insults of his persecutors. In several other instances he had been saved from danger and strengthened under adversity by the interposition of his Spiritmother.

Suicide.

BENEFICENCE OF PREVENTIVE.

A Piedmontese nobleman, into whose company I fell at Turin, (says Mr. Rages of Italy,) told me his story without reserve, as follows: "I was weary of life, and after a day such as few have known, and none would wish to remember, was lounging along the street to the river, when I felt a sudden check: I turned, and beheld a little boy, who caught the skirt of my coat in his anxiety to solicit my notice, whose look and manner were irresistible. Not less was the lesson he had learned - There are six of us, and we are dying for food.' Why should not I, said I to myself, relieve this wretched family? I have the means, and it will not delay me long. But what if it does? The scene of misery he conducted me to, I cannot describe; I threw them my purse, and their burst of gratitude overcame me. It filled my eyes, it went as cordial to my heart. I will call again to-morrow, I said. And the happy effect of this one act of beneficence which our nobleman had the means to reiterate, was sufficient induce ment for him to stay here as a benefactor, rather to lunch into eternity as a criminal.

Confusion of the Senses.

Some years ago there was a woman residing in the neighbourhood of Lyons, who seemed to have the quality of one sense transferred to another. A very learned physican, a writer in the Journal de Sante, gives an account of having visited this woman at Lyons, He says, "The woman whom I visited, and to whom I

presented several sorts of medicines, powders, simples, compounds, and many other substances, which I am convinced she never saw before, told me their several tastes, as nearly, and with as much precision as taste could pronounce. She described them, indeed, with astonishing exactness, and frequently when my own palate was confounded.

"Her eyes were next bound with a thick bandage, and I drew from my pockets several sorts of silk ribbands. All those that differed from the original colors she immediately told me. It was in vain to attempt puzzling her; she made no mistake: she passed the ribband mere ly through her hand, and immediately decided on its peculiar colour. She could, in fact, discover the quality of any thing by the touch or taste, as accurately as could do with my eyes.

"The organs of hearing were then closed, as well as the contrivance of stuffing the ears would answer the purpose. I then commenced a conversation with a friend in the appartment, and spoke in almost inaudible whispers. She repeated, with great power of memory, every word of the conversation. In short, I came away a convert; in other words, I believed what I had seen. A philosopher knows the fallibility of the senses: but he should know, likewise, that science ought not to reject because it cannot have demonstra tion .- [Cabinet of Curiosities.

The Sabbatical River. סמכטיון שוד

We have had occasion to allude to this river in No. 1 of this volume. Many of our readers are probably acquainted with the story of its existence under the name of the Sambation. The name must be familiar to all those who ever, in the old country, under the paternal roof-where Israel, though poor, can afford to enjoy Sabbath and rest-sung the Temirothe (Hymns) for the Sabbath-day, over the Sabbath dinner.

We will now quote from Jahn's Hebrew Commonwealth the story of that river. A more circumstantial account we remember to have read in Buxtorfii Lexicon Rabbinicum sub Sambation.

Josephus is the first author who has mentioned this river, which derived its name from the circumstance, that its current ceased to flow on the Sabbath.-There is probably an error in the text of this historian; for, while he compares the stillness of the Sabbath to the quiet waters of, this river on that day, he relates that its current was interrupted for six days in the week, but began to run on the seventh. The critics have altered this reading to reconcile the author with himself, and their correction appears to be necessary; for Pliny, who probably obtained his account of the Sabatius from Josephus, observes that it did not flow on the Sabbath. The Jewish historian has pointed out very exactly the situation of this river. It runs, according to him, through the kingdom of Agrippa, between the cities of Arcen and Raphannees, the former belonging to the tribe of Asher, and the latter to the province of Syria. At the present day, the river Sabbatius cannot be found in the situation indicated in Josephus. Some Christian critics have advanced the extravagant opinion that, as the interruption of the waters of the river was intended by God to point out the Sabbath as a day of rest, therefore the miracle must have ceased when the Sabbath was no longer observed.

A young traveller in those regions,

upon questionable report of the inhabitants, establishes the account of Josephus; but, as he did not see it on the seventh day, and his narrative is directly opposed to the common tradition, that this river has ceased to flow through the kingdom of Agrippa, all that can be said to support the relation of Josephus and Pliny is that there might have been a torrent which flowed from mount Libanus and sometimes dried up on the Sabbath. If this circumstance had happened but a few times, it would probably have given rise to the popular opinion that it uniformly ceased to flow on that day. The torrent may now be completely dried, or it may run in another channel. We must, there. fore, look elsewhere for the river which the Jewish historians have described in such extravagant terms.

Testimonial to Dr. Geiger.

We copy the following from the Zeitung des Judenthums, extracted from the "Schlesiche Zeiting." On the 21st of November last, the 25th anniversary of Dr. Geiger's (now of Breslau,) entry into office, at Wiesbaden, was celebrated by the citizens of Breslau in the following manner :-

"The boys of the Orphan Asylum opened the train of congratulations early in the morning. Shortly after, appeared a deputation of those young men and women who had received confirmation from the doctor during the earlier days of his ministry at Breslau. Among these were several intelligent and respected young married women. They handed the doctor an excellent poem, and presented him with a silver fruit basket. Hereupon appeared the Warders of the Synagogue, who escorted the doctor to the illuminated, decorated, crowded tem-

"The service, always conducted with much decorum by the Reader, Mr. D., was the more impressive at this time from the afflatus of unction and love that (perceptibly) pervaded the audience.-Dr. Levy, Teacher of Religion, pronounced a prayer, casting before the solemnly silent multitude a retrospect on the past quarter of a century, introducing a supplication for the Congregation in all its branches, for the city, State, and the reigning (royal) family.

"Returned to his house, the doctor was received there by a deputation of the representatives of the Congregation, who, through Drs. Sachs and Gratzer, presenting an elaborately-wrought goblet, pronounced their appreciation and congratu-

Hereupon followed the representatives of the Society for Visiting the Sick and Burying the Dead, who, referring to the activity of the doctor among the sick and at funerals, expressed their feelings of high respect. The same was done by the Poor Committee, the Committee of the Cultus, (for the arrangement of synsgogal affairs,) that of Clothing the Poor, and those of other benevolent societies. There appeared the representatives of So cieties of which Dr. Geiger is an honormember: as the Brueder Gesells the Erholung-Gesellschaft, (Society of Brothers and Recreation.) They handed addresses and valuable presentations.

The societies at which Dr. G. acts as manager or superintendent, as the School of Industry, the Orphan Asylum, the Commercial Institute, the Friedlander, the Mædchenaustalt, (Girls' Institute, proba bly a society for giving dower to poo girls)—they presented (written) congrat ulations, flowers, poems, addresses an watches. It was apparent that they con

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The doctor was especially gratified at the appearance of a deputation of Jewish University students, who, in a solemn address, handed in a Latin composition which, from the purity of style and calligraphy, is highly appreciable.

From distant cities appeared Doctor Landsberg, Rabbi of the Bruederverein of Posen, whom he represented, and from whom he handed an addaess. Another address was also received from the Congregation of Wiesbaden, among whom Dr. Geiger assumed office twenty-five years ago. This address was accompanied by a goblet. The Congregation could not suppress their deep regret that the man (Dr. G.) belonged to them but in memory, and not in person."

At a banquet in the evening at the saloon of the Cafe-Restaurant, there were about 300 persons present.

Law Maxims.

To say of a person: "If he does not come and make terms with me, I will make a bankrupt of him, and ruin him," or any such threatening language, is actionable, without proof of special damage.

In an action for slander, the party making the complaint must prove the words alleged; other words of like meaning will not suffice.

A parent cannot sustain an action for any wrong done to a child, until he has incurred some direct pecuniary injury therefrom, in consequence of some loss of service, or expenses necessarily consequent thereupon.

A master is responsible for an injury resulting from the negligence of his servant, while driving his cart or carriage, provided the servant is, at the time, engaged in his master's business, even though the accident happen in a place to which his master's business does not call him; but if the journey of the servant be solely for a purpose of his own, and undertaken without the knowledge or consent of his master, the latter is not responsible.

An Invaluable Relic of Olden Time.

Below we give a copy of a letter from BEN JAMIN FRANKLIN to the pious GEORGE WITTE-FIELD. We do not remember to have ever seen it in full print before. We regard it as an invaluable composition containing ideas on different subjects well worthy poring over. .

PHILADELPHIA, June 6, 1753. "Sir :—I received your kind letter of the second instant, and am glad to hear that you increase in strenght; I hope you will continue mending, till you recover your former health and firmness. Let me know whether you still use the cold bath, and what effect it has.

use the cold bath, and what effect it has.

As to the kindness you mention, I wish it could have been of more service to you. But if it had, the only thanks I should desire is, that you would always be equally ready to serve any other person that may need your assistance, and so let good offices go round; for mankind are all of a family.

For my away part, when I am employed in

For my own part, when I am employed in serving others, I do not look upon myself as conferring favors, but as paying debts. In my travels, and since my settlement, I have received much kindness from men, to whom I shall never have any conportunity of making shall never have any opportunity of making the least return, and numberless mercies from God, who is infinitely above being benefitted by our services. Those kindnesses from men I can therefore only return on their fellowmen; and I can only show my gratitude for these mercies from God by a readiness to help his other children, and my brethern. For I do not think thanks and compliments, though remeated weekly can discharge our real obligapeated weekly, can discharge our real obliga-tions to each other, and much less those to our Creator. You will see in this my notion of

good works, that I am far from expecting to merit heaven by them. By heaven we understand a state of happiness, infinite in degree and eternal in duration: I can do nothing to deserve such rewards. He that for giving a draught of water to a thirsty person should ex pect to be paid with a good plantation, would be modest in his demands, compared with those who think they deserve heaven for the little good they do on earth. Even the mixed-imperfect pleasures we enjoy in this world, are rather from God's goodness than our merits how much more such happiness of heaven! For my part, I have not the vanity to think I deserve it, the folly to expect it, nor the ambition to desire it; but content myself in submitting to the will and disposal of that God who made me, who has hitherto preserved and blessed me and in whose fatherly goodness I may well confide that he will never make me miserable; and that even the afflictions I may at any time suffer shall tend to my benefit.

The faith you mention has certainly its use in the world: I do not desire to see it diminished, nor would I endeovor to lessen it in any man. But I wish it were more productive of good works than I have generally seen it: I mean real good works; works of kindness charity, mercy, and public spirit; not holidaykeeping, sermon-reading, or hearing: perform ing church ceremonies, or making long prayers filled with flatteries and compliments despis ed even by wise men, and much less capable o pleasing the Deity.

The worship of God is a duty; the hearing and reading of sermons may be useful; but if men rest in hearing and praying, as too many do, it is as if a tree should value itself on being watered and putting forth leaves, though it never produced any fruit.

Your great master thought much less of these outward appearances and professions than many of his modern disciples. He preferred the doers of the word, to the mere hearer's; the son that seemingly refused to obey his father, and yet performed his commands, to him that professed his readiness, but neglected the work; the heretical but charitable Samaritan, to the uncharitable though orthodox priest, and sanctified Levite: and those who gave food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, raiment to the naked, entertainment to the stranger, and relief to the sick, though they never heard of his name, he declares shall in the last day be accepted : when those who cry Lord! Lord! who value themselves upon their faith, though great enough to perform miracles but have ueglected good works, shall be reject. ed. He professed that he came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance: which implied his modest opinion, that there were some in his time who thought themselves so good that they need not hear even him for improvement; but now-a-days we have scarce a little parson that does not think it the duty of every man within his reach to sit under his petty ministrations; and that whosoever omits them offends God. I wish to such more humility, and to you health and happiness : be-B. FRANKLIF.

Let no man be too proud to work. Let no man be ashamed of a hard fist or a sunburnt countenance. Let him be ashamed of ignorance and sloth. Let not poverty cause you sorrow, for honesty is better than riches. Let every one be ashamed

The human heart is the toughest muscle known to anatomists and physiologists, and it seldom breaks, even though it be subjected to the most extraordinary tests

Wise men mingle innocent mirth with their cares, as a hope either to forget or overcome them; but to resort to intoxication for the ease of one's mind is to cure melancholy with madness.

A Puzzle.—Place twelve pieces of money in six rows, so as to have four in each row.

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Why ought a fisherman to be very wealthy

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THE 21ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THIS Company was held on the 19th inst, when the following results of the business for the year ending the 31st of January last, were submitted to the proprietors and the policy holders.

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Premiums for the year £91,306 3s. 6d; which, after payment of all losses and expenses, and provisions for all outstanding claims, left to the credit of profit and loss, a net balance of £14,572 15s. 6d.

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Exercises Hebrew Young Men's Literary Association.

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U. S. Senate' by Solomone—Recitation: 'Foreign lan guages by Bernhard Simon.
At the last regular Meeting it was resolved, that the or

der of Exercises be published in the Weekly Gleaner, and hat a copy of the same be furnished to each member residing in the Interior, with the request to forward to the Committee volunteer Essays which will be regularly read by the Secretary at the first Debate meeting, after the same shall have been received and further rotify the w dersigned of the week, when a presence in the city will ad mit, of their being placed on Debate curing Febr

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We call the attention of our Agents and Subscribers, throughout this State and Oregon, to the necessity of prompt returns. We desire those who receive the Gleaner direct to bear in mind the fact that the second volume must be paid for six months in advance, otherwise they will be charged at the regular monthly rates. All moneys received will be specifically acknowledged through our columns, by which course postage, &c., will be saved.

ENLARGEMENT .- Appreciating the increased support, during the past few weeks, and wishing to deserve a continuance in fair proportion, we have incurred a heavy expense by enlarging each column nearly two inches, thereby making, in the narregate, sixty-four inches; i. e., four more columns of reading matter .-It is not our intention to enumerate the expenditure, as only those experienced in the business can estimate such; but we will simply remark to the uninitiated that new column-rules, chases, composition, larger paper, &c., in the aggregate, cannot be covered by an increase of four hundred subscribers.

The Suicide Mania.

Appalling facts have sufficiently announced the existence of this unnatural crime among us. Our press has assigned several of its causes: as arising from physical, moral and social. depravity; divert men from a natural course of life -and, being fast in the bonds of sin, they rush into its wages-death. The primary root of the evil is insatiable avarice, and an irreligious life. Numbers come to California not to labor, in order to live honorably and comfortably, but to get rich. And, as fortune favors only the ew, the greater number of fortune-seekers feel disappointed-and, living without God in the world, they lack that support which an humble resignation to His will, a firm faith in his Providence, and a firm belief in a future existence affords. Thus, in despair, without a cheering retrospect upon a past life, under a gloomy aspect of the present, and under the imagination of a hopeless future, some evil demon blinds the eye of the understanding of the victim, causing him to forget his duties to himself, the pangs and ignominy of parents or friends left behind-the existence of a God and a hereafter-and whispering into the ear of the insane man: "Despatch thyself!" and the forlorn wretch atones for an unholy life by a desperate, revolting death; he commits the more than brutal act-suicide.

True, bodily malady, in many cases, precedes the act; but the physical evil is generally preceded and superadded, by secret or revealed moral delinquencyfor the resolution to commit the act indieates, at least, a want of courage, a want of trust in a power above, and of retrioution hereafter. And thus the mangled ody is but the index of the jangled and ruined soul, and the catastrophe is aparently a result of a life merely intent apon this world, with its charms and deceptions, its honors and disgraces, its riches and its distresses, without being acquainted with Divine truths, or sustained by a hope in a power above, and a knowledge that life itself is but a state of trial, and state of probation. Indeed religion and faith have, in every age, trained society her active and passive heroes, while atheism, heathenism and infidelity

have furnished us the cowards who, instead of defending the castle which a kind Father—under the full assurance of a glorious relief after a proper struggle in defence of the same—allows the enemy to assail in order to fortify the garrison (the soul) within, the mad governor, beguiled by some cowardly menial, forgets king, country, friends and future, and, in his mania, throws down his arms and blows up the castle.

But is not the mania infectious! Is it not communicative? It is like every other virtue and vice. The force of example, and more so that of sympathy, exercises in the instance before us a most baneful influence. As the victim under the fascinating power of the serpent, so is the suicide (almost) insensibly drawn into the very jaws of a most disgraceful and horrible death-suicide becomes a popular mañia, an epidemic. But the victim is not the less culpable: other vices have more powerful charms and allurments, but it is our task of life to resist them, and thus the suicidal act remains a most nefarious crime.

But how is the case to be remedied? How put a stop to this worst of crimes? We do not presume to be able to pro. pose any new remedy, and so we have to repeat only the two means of relief, viz love and terror. Experience teaches us, that Religion is the best consolation in trouble. Applied to the desponding soul under temptation, it must irresistibly stop the murderour hand. "Medical practitioners," says Dr. Moore, "can bear ample testimony to the fact, that religious feeling, that is, calm resignation to the supreme will, soothes and tranquilizes the sufferer's frame more than all medical appliances." To him who believes either in revealed or natural religion," says correctly Mr. Dymond, "there is a certain folly in the commission of suicide; for, from what does he fly? From his present sufferings; whilst death, for aught that he has reason to expect, or at any rate for aught that he knows, may only be the portal to sufferings more intense. Natural religion, I think, gives no countenance to the supposition that suicide can be approved by the Deity, because it proceeds upon the belief that, in another state of existence, he will compensate good men for the sufferings of the present. At the best, and under either religion, it is a desperate stake. He that commits murder may repent, and we hope, be forgiven; but he that destroys himself, whilst he incurs a load of guilt, cuts off, by the act, the power of repentance." Let us early bring our children under the sacred influence of a sanctifying faith, and our men will ably bear the unavoidable evils of life, and, by a virtuous course, prevent the greater portion which are avoidable: they will say with Kirke White:

"Come, Dissappointment, come!
Though from hope's summit hurled,
Still rigid nurse thou art forgiven,
For thou severe, wert sent from heaven,
To wean me from the world;

To turn mine eye
From vanity,
And point to scenes of life, that never die!"

And point to scenes of life, that never die!"

So far for the influence of religion. The other effectual remedy is, by terror. Experience has showed that the violence of the mania can be checked by the condign treatment of the bodies of the beings who can ruin their souls. The reader will find in these columns a relation of an efficient means once applied in ruder ages in Germany. Some ignominy, of a less rude and indelicate nature, applied to the remains of the unfortunate victim of the mania, would, in many instances, check the feverstop the crime, and save many a family from loss, shame and ruin, and many a man from destruction.

Gold Too Dearly Purchased.

Gold! bright, glittering, tempting gold! How often art thou purchased too dear? How often life, health, friendship, conscience, and peace of mind are all sacrificed in thy pursuit! How often does poor, weak, foolish man, forget his honor, forget those moral principles, early inculcated by a pious mother, forget his God in the acquisition of gold.

That man who leaves his young wife and prattling babes, who leaves his father and mother, all his relations and friends, his fire-side old home, seeks a distant land, it may be an unhealthful climate, to amass a fortune sooner than it could be acquired at home, will buy his gold too dear.

That man, who, regardless of all truth and honor, indifferent to the comforts and conveniences of all but himself, continues, year after year, in swindling his fellow men, under the mask of business, who cheats all in buying and selling, whose only aim in life is the gain of the "almighty dollar," is buying his gold too dear.

A man may, after years of toil, obtain a fortune, he may gain his long-sought gold, but how few men, after years of great fatigue and care, are able to enjoy their long-hoarded gains? How few can appreciate or understand the many real pleasures to be deprived from the proper application of their gold, and how many are only made more miserable in the possession than they were while acquiring it. With health gone; friends and relatives forgotten or estranged, during the years devoted entirely to self and gold; he may be the object of envy to a few, for his wealth, but to the discriminating mind he is an object of pity, on account of his folly, having bartered the noblest of blessings, for a pile of shining dust; he can not enjoy his gold. With a sallow courtenance, an unfeebled gait, a broken constitution, he appears among his former neighbors, astonishing them for a short time with his wealth, then sinks into the grave a victim to the enormous price he paid for his gold. He has sojourned in a distant land, he has foregone the pleasures and comforts of home and friends; he has exposed himself to death, and though he has not fallen a prey in a foreign clime, he has merely obtained a respite for a few short miserable months.

Has he obtained an equivalent for this loss of health or life? No! he has purchased his gold too dear!

Vienna Congregation.

The following in relation to the Vienna administration is well worthy of attention, The correspondent to the Zeitung des Judenthums writes: "A congregation like Vienna has, in the first place, to elect (for its managers) men of manly character and mind; who have a heart and sense for Jews and Judaism. The question cannot be, to what direction (shade of religious opinion) the candidate belongs; for, though the administration possesses the most perfect autonomy, it never enters their mind to decide upon, purely religious questions, in any way. But certain it is, as your intelligent Hamburg correspon dent once remarked: An administration that lives terepha (careless of Hebrew diatetic laws) will provide for those who live casher (strictly), but not so the reverse. However, it has not come so far with us yet; for, however desirous we may be that also those who call themselves or thodox [as is well known, the difference between reform and orthodox is here not great, with the exception of a very inconsiderable number of eccentric heads] shall find a representation in the board, we

wish to disabuse (the minds of our readers), that fromm (orthodox) is not the only criterion for election of representatives.

LOCAL ITEMS.

It is announced in some of our Eastern exchanges that J. W. Geary, ex-Governor of Kansas, is about to return to California.

Dr. Sudor, the Oroville druggist who has recently been convicted of manslaughter, for causing the death of Mrs. Blumenthal, by putting up poison through mistake, has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the pensitentiary. He will probably appeal to the Supreme Court.

wold mines have lately been discovered in Washington Territory.

Advices from Washington state that the bill for the formation of the new Territory of Sierra Nevada, will pass Congress without much opposition.

A new Lodge of the Independent Order of B. B., at Sacramento, will shortly be installed by the Past Presidents of Ophir Lodge, No. 21, of this city, by virtue of a dispensation in them vested by the M. W. D. Grand Lodge of the State of New York. This is a Benevolent Order, and the above-named Lodge was installed two years ago with fifteen members. It has now a roll of fifty-five—has paid for all its regalia, paraphernalia, &c., costing upwards of 1,000, and has a surplus Relief Fund of \$900. May she long continue to disseminate the benign principles of Benevolence, Brotherly Love and Harmony!

The Butte Record learns that the Morris Mining Company, whose claim is situated in the vicinity of Forbestown, recently took out a lump of pure gold which weighed two pounds. The diggings thereabouts are said to be of extraordinary richness.

The Rainy Season.

The following table, from the Marysville Express, shows the number of rainy days in California each winter since 1849:—

Winter of 1849-50 had....76 rainy days.

Petrifying Stream.—There is a little stream which empties into Shasta Valley, about twenty miles west of the Great Butte, which possesses the singular property of encrusting everything which falls into its waters with a complete coat of stone. Flowers, leaves grass, pine buds, and things of that sort, will become completely enamelled in the course of a week or so, retaining in the process their natural form. During the winter of 1854 we saw this singular creek, and procured some fine specimens from it.—[Placerville Argus.]

Have you regaled yourself with any of those delicious Nonpareil, Damion Fancuberta, Rachel, Partagas Cigars at Kozminsky's Stand in Patten's Salcon, on Sansomcatreet.

Have you seen Vance's Daguerreotyes, taken by moonlight? If not, call and view them at his Rooms, corner of Montgomery and Sacramento streets.

In daylight, by moonlight, sunshine or storm He'll give you a likeness of flattering form.

The press teems with narratives of individuals soliciting at drug-stores prussic acid strychnine, &c., in lieu of which Epsom salts antimony and similar prescriptions are given. What does it all mean? Can it be by any preconcerted arrangement? We cannot believe such possible. It must be owing to a sympathetic influence—a suicide mania—a wish to die nobly(?)—a record as a martyr?

A lady, seeing a handsome young sheriff attended by an old judge, was asked by a gentleman standing by, which of the two she liked best. The lady replied: "The sheriff." "Why so?" asked the gentleman. "Because, though I love judgment well, I love execution better.

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FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

AFRICA.-MAROCCO counts about 12,000 Jews; they have 19 synagogues (of which probably the greater number are mere rooms where minyan is held, 10 persons which, according to the ideas of the rabbis are required for the purpose of being allowed to recite certain portion of the prayers.) Being debarred fromm all access of modern civilization, we find many ancient abuses, which a better judgement has removed from among us, still existing with them: as, for instance, the ancient Eastern degradation of women still exists with them. In their synagogues (probably on account of their being mere chambers without space enough to admit partitioning off a portion for the sex, as most congregations think proper to do) women are not admitted, nor are girls admitted into their schools-they, like in other Eastern countries, receive no education. This, we think, is a gross abuse. Polygamy, which Moses allowed in accommodation of his semi-barbarous age, they still allow. (Among the European Jews this abuse was remedied in the 12th century.) Some three years ago, the emperor made some insignificant concessions in favor of the Jews; in other respects, they live in a state of oppression: being confined to certain quarters; are not allowed the use of horses, or to employ mohometan servants However, thy have their own jurisdiction, which is exercised by their Chachamim (rabbis); these impose fines, lashes and excommunication. These rabbis are not very learned even in rabbinical lore. Their children are brought up in Hadarim (schools in which nohing but religious instruction is imparted.)

AFRICA. - ALGIERS being under French government, enjoys already the advantages of modern civilization.

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The Jesuits in California.

It is strange that early travellers should have overlooked the wealth that lay bu-ried in California. They seem to have so many suspicions, to have beheld at various times so many indications that the soil was impregnated with precious ores, that we are amazed they should have neg-lected to search into the matter, which, in some instances, they might have done with scarcely any expense, and with very little manual labor. But the fact is, that our early travellers knew but little about the country; even the most celebrated geographers were at variance in their geographers opinions of its physical position. The first accounts, published by the Spaniards represent California as a peninsula; yet the belief generally prevalent among the ablest geographers was, that it was an island, and they only smiled at those who attempted to controvert their learned decision. In Samson's, and many other maps of some repute, we see it thus de-picted, with a wide sea between it and the rich continent of Mexico. Nor was, indeed, the matter finally settled until Fa-ther Kino, of the Society of Jesus, pub-lished his discovery that it was really a peninsula, founded on the fact of his having journeyed from New Mexico to California by land. Considering, then, how little even was known of the country, how ignorant men were of its geographical position, we shall not so much wonder that they tailed to examine minutely into the natural productions of its soil. few, indeed, had ventured near it, or cared to set foot upon its shore, that travellers thought they were safe in saying what they chose about it, and some of the wildest stories, and the strangest contradictions crowd their published accounts of California. Some represent the coast as intolerable, from the piercing cold; others say that it is insupportable from excessive heat. Some say that it is sterile, void of water, and totally unimproveable; others speak of it as a delightfully watered, fruitful and pleasant region. It is, says another, a poor, barren, despic-table tract, which scarce deserves protection; and one, who wrote about the same time, speaks of rich mines, and a profitable pearl fishery upon its coast. In fact, no two travellers have written anything

It is said that the discovery of California was made by the famous Herman course the sole government of Cortes, who went there in person about try, both civil and ecclesiastical.

about the country; but they have, in many important points, contradicted each

1536. Subsequently, many attempts were made to obtain a knowledge of the country, and to investigate into its natural productions and fertility; expedition af-ter expedition was undertaken, by stout hearts, and with royal patronage, to explore the California territory, and to proclaim the sovereignity of Spain therein; but, from first to last, little progress was made in this design. At length the Court of Spain, worn out by repeated efforts, which had all ended in dissapointment, and dreading to incur more expense for that which afforded no prospect of a remunerative return, relinquished all thought of the matter, and abandoned it as unworthy of turther notice. But the Jesuits, who, with all their faults, have ever been the first to lead the van of civilization, and who have never been daunted at hardship, or known fear, when an opportunity was presented by which they could the influence their order, or propagate the Roman faith, determined to penetrate into its interior. "God waited," say the Jesuits, with admirable tact say the Jesuits, with admirable tact, "only till human force acknowledged its weakness;" and they glorify their order by showing how the Almighty advanced and prospered all their efforts in conquer-ing the Indians of California." The zeal of that powerful body is not to be questioned; all obstacles were surmounted, all dangers and opposition braved, to un-dertake a mission, and preach the Catholic faith among the wild inhabitants of that unknown region. With opposition from their own body, prohibition from the court of Madrid, and discouragement from every side, still Father Kino and Father Salva Tierra persevered; at last, one by one, obstacles were removed, and warm hearts began to sympathize with their zeal and devotion in the cause of religion. Two noblemen promised the Society two thousand dollars to aid the expedition; and their munificent example was followed by a series of generous donations, which, in the aggregate, amounted to fifteen thousand dollars . The Treasurer of Acapulco lent them a vessel for the voyage, and made them a present of a long-boat besides; this, with a further donation of ten thousand dollars, contributed by a wealthy college of their own order, formed the copital of the Californian Missions.

Father Tierra was the one chosen by the company of Jesus to head the expe-dition, and on the 10th of October, 1697, he sailed from the Harbour of Hiagui, with five soldiers and three Indians, be-sides the crew. With this small number of attendants he landed in due course on the coast of California. They soon built barracks for their little garrison, and dug a trench around it as a fortification; in the centre they erected a tent as a tem-porary chapel, and placed a crucifix be-fore it. When all this was completed, the whole body formed a solemn procession from the vessel, bearing before them "the image of our Lady of Loretto, as patroness of the conquest." On the 25th of October, they took formal possession of the country in the name of the Spanish monarch. Thus established, the mission of the Jesuits went on and prospered for a time. They had many skirmishes with the Indians, but they soon brought them into submission. It was here that the Europian Christians appear in their worst light, for the Indians, whom they admit to have been a docile, timid, and tractable people, they, on the occasion of a trivial case of pilfering attacked with powder and shot-those terrible engines of civilized warfare. The poor Indians, the Jesuit historians admit, "began to drop fast on every side," and the remainder, terrified by the slaughter of their companions, flew in confusion into their mountain fastnesses. The Christians hunted them even there, till at last those t sought came an sued for mercy to the camp of the missionary Jesuits. women brought their children, and with tears offered them as hostages for their entire subjection. There was much good wrought by the members of the society of Jesus among the wild and savage in-habitants of the California mountains. They converted, or at least baptized, vast multitudes; they established settlements; introduced many pleasing signs of civil-ized life, and cultivated the soil with the most cheering success; they obtained of course the sole government of the coun

Accounts have been published from time to time of the various expeditions that have been made to the coast of California. These old books are not found at every library; some of them are very scarce, so that I am tempted to present the reader with a few of such extracts as seem to allude to the prevalence of gold among its mineral productions. In the fifth book of a work called "Monarchia Indiana," by Father Torquemada, published at Saville, in 1615, there is an interesting account of the voyage of Captain Vizcaino, accompanied by some Jesuits, in the year 1602, to the western coast of California. It states that on the arrival of his squadron, they got down the boats, and taking arms with them, went boldly on shore. When they approached, the Indians, seeing so many armed men, flew in great consternation to an eminence, and put themselves in readiness for an attack. Father Antonion, a Jesuit of course, advanced unarmed among them, and by gestures, indicative of kindness and sociability, made them understand that they entertained no hostile intentions towards them; a few toys and beads soon placed them on the most amicable footing, and after parleying with the Indians for some time, and showing them many such little marks of good will, they began to wander about, and explore the country. They relate that the coast abounded with heaps of shells, many containing pearls of the most magnificent size, and of the utmost purity. "The Indians," says my author-ity, "were naked, but fastened in their hair everything they met with, which had a glittering appearance; some among them were red-haired. They daub their bodies with black and white color, and are a cheerful, docile, courteous, good-nat-ured people." Near a place called by them the Islar de San Rogue, they observed a stupendous mountain, "on which no kind of herb or verdure grew; but it was everywhere intersected by veins of mineral of the most beautiful colors. Some of the soldiers, and an experienced seaman of Peru, who had all seen mines, and worked in them, affirmed that this mountain consisted entirely of mines of gold and silver, and had not the wind prevented, the captain would have sent some one on shore to have investigated into the truth of this matter." Loving gold as the Spaniards did, it is a wonder that they did not brave all danger in anticipation of so much treasure.

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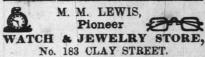
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DENETIST,

To an old Family-Clock.

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Thou tireless monitor, still dost thou stand, On the same spot where first my infant eye, Thy glittering pendulum caught, and stealthy

That notes the moments as they hurry by:

Ay, and hast stood, counting the seasons o'er, While naught: thy up-raised finger ever feared :

Tili thou hast numbered up the years, three

Since the monition "tick" was earliest heard,

Thou'st many a scene recorded, faithful one, Of childhood's mirth, and joy's more chastened flow :

And ever kept thy solemn sentry lone, Through birth and bridal, and funeral woe

And thou hast noted bitter partings, too, At the dear parent-treshold, oft, with tears, While some who went, and uttered their adieu No more returned to gladden after-years.

And never didst thou falter in thy round, Save once-'twas when the master laid him down

In the still midnight, while the cords that Held him here, asunder burst, and show'd a heeveuly crown.

Then didst those pause and from thine office; shrink.

Still pointing to the moment When he died As suddenly endued with power to think, And that occasion fit'et of all beside!

Oft as I think of thy enamelled face, Scenes thou hast noted on my memory free, Bise thick; again in that familiar place; I seem to stand, holding companionship with thee.

Thou wast as one among the household band, And "fair befall" thee, whatsoe'er thy lot; Beneath the parent-roof e'er didst thou stand, But soon that place, like man's, may know thee not.

But "fair befal" thee, long familiar one, Hold fast the secrets thou hast ne'er revealed, Servant of Time! when thou'st thine errand done.

Mong sacred relics may thy form be sealed!

Not Lost, But Gone Before

When spirits from their cumbering clay Ascend to heaven's bright shore, Our hoping hearts, with triumph say, "Not lost, but gone before.

The wheel lies broken at the fount, The pitcher at the spring ; But upward doth the spirit mount, And notes of glory sing.

Then calmly may our spirits bow Beneath affliction's rod; Who-who would murmur that his child Is safe in joy and God!

+ Ecclesiastes xxii : 6.

A Touching Influence of Religion.

The room, then, was made ready; and though I took some pains not to speak of the arrangement too suddenly to Mary, yet there was no need of disguise or hesitation; for when at last I told her, 'Is that all?' said she, and took my hand with one of her blessed smiles, and vowed that she and Jemina would keep the room as pretty and neat as possible.

'And I will cook your dinners,' added she, for you know you said I made the best rollipolly pudding in the world.' God bless her! I do think some women almost love poverty; I did not tell Mary how poor I was, nor had she any idea how lawyers', and prisons', and doctors' fees had diminished the sum of money which she brought me when we came to the Fleet. It was not, however, destined that she and her child should inhabit that little garret. We were to leave our lodgings on Monday morning; but on Saturday evening the child was seized with convulsions, and all Sunday the mother watched and prayed for it; but it pleased God to take the innocent infant from us, and on Sunday, at midnight, it lay a corpse in its mother's bosom. Amen. We have other children, happy and well, now round about us; and from the father's heart the memory of this little thing has almost fad-

ed; but I do believe, that every day of her life the mother thinks of the first born that was with her for so short a while; and many and many a time has she taken her daughter o the grave, in Saint Bride's where he lies buried, and was still at her neck a little, little lock of gold hair, which she took from the head of the infant as he lay smiling in his coffin. It has happened to me to forget the child's birth day, but to her never; and of ten, in the midst of common talk, comes something that shows she is thinking of the child still-some simple allusion that is to me inexpressibly affecting. I shall not try to describe her grief, for such things are sacred and secret, and a man has no business to place them on paper for all the world to read. Nor should I have mentioned the loss of the child at all, but that even that loss was the means of a great worldly blessing to us, as my wife has often with tears and thanks acknowledged. While my wife was weeping over her child, I am ashamed to say 1 was distracted with other feelings besides those of grief for its loss; and I have often since thought what a master -nay, destroyer-of the affections want is, and have learned from experience to be thankful for "daily bread." That acknowledgement of weakness, which we make in imploring to be relieved from hunger and from temptation, is surely wisely put in our daily prayer. Think of it, you who are rich, and take heed how you turn a beggar away. The child lay there in its wicker cradle, with its sweet fixed smile in its face. (I think the angels in heaven must have been glad to welcome that pretty innocent smile;) and it was only the next day, after my wife had gone to lie down, and I sat keep ing watch by it, that I remembered the condition of its parents, and thought, I can't tell with what a pang, that I had not money left to bury the little thing, and wept bitter tears of despair. Now, at last, I thought I must apply to my poor mother, for this was a sacred necessity; and I took paper, and wrote her a letter at my baby's side, and told her of our condition. But thank Heaven! I never sent the letter; for as I went to the desk to ge sealing wax, and seal the dismal letter, my eyes fell upon the diamond pin that was lying in the drawer of the desk. I looked into the bedroom-my poor wife was asleep; she had been watching for tree nights and days, and had fallen usleep from saeer fatigue; and I ran out to a pawnbroker's with the diamond, and received seven guineas for it, and coming back, put the money in the landlady's hand and told her to get what was reedful. My wife was still asleep when I came back; and when she woke, we persuaded her to go down to go down stairs to the landlady's parlor, and meanwhile the necessary preparations were made, and the poor child consigned to its cof-

Answers to Charades in No. 4.

No. 3.-Pip-kin. No. 4 .- Gad Fly

Charade No. 5.

Without my first my second would be undone, My whole's a village near Hyde Park and London.

Charade Number 6.

I am one, compounded of two. My whole was made expressly for my first, which aids greatly in all the innovations of the day, whether good or bad, and often, with help, cre ates or allays, as the case may be, a great ex citement. My second frequently supports my whole, which is much in vogue both among editors and correspondents.

The Error of Suspicion.

A goldsmith was employed to make a splendid ornament for a lady of rank, for which she gave him many precious jewels. Robert, his apprentice, took great delight in one of the stones, which was clear and sparkling with various hues, and often examined it. One day his master observed that two of the most beautiful stones were missing; suspecting the apprentice, he searched his bed-room, and there found the jewels in a hole in the wall, behind an old chest. Robert firmly persisted

that he had not taken the stones; but his master chastised him severely, told him that he deserved hanging, and turned him out of his place. On the next day another stone was missing, and the goldsmith found it in the same hole, and he now took great pains to discover who concealed it there. He soon observed a magpie, which the apprentice had trained and tamed, perch on the working table, take a stone in his beak, and carry it away to the hole in the wall. The goldsmith now felt heartily sorry that he had done an injury to the poor lad; he took him back again, from that time treated him very kindly, and never again suspected any one so lightly.

Recipes.

DENTIFRICE.—The most useful form of dentifrices is that of powder; but washes and electuaties are sometimes employed. The ingredients employed in dentifrices should not be too hard or gritty, lest they injure the enamel of the teeth; nor should they be too soft and adhesive, for, in that case, they would adhere to the gums, and be disagreeable. Finely powdered pumice-stone is one of those substances that act entirely by mechanical attrition, and hence is an objectionable ingredient in tooth-powder intended for daily use. It is, however, very generally present in the various advertised dentifrices, which are remarkable for their rapid action in whitening the teeth. Finely-powdered Bath brick is another substance of a similar nature to pumice, and, like that article, should only be occasionally employed. Cuttle-fish bone, coral and prepared chalk are also commonly used for the same purpose, but the latter is rather too soft and absorbent, to form the sole ingredient of a tooth-powder. Charcoal, which is so very generally employed as a dentifrice, acts partly mechanically and partly by its chemical properties of destroying foul smells, and arresting putrefaction. For this purpose it should be newly burnt, and kept in wellclosed vessels, as, by exposure to the air, it rapidly loses its antiseptic powers. Powdered rhatany, cinchona bark and catechu are used as astringents, and are very useful in foulness and sponginess of the gums. Myrrh and mastich are employed on account of their odor and also because of their presumed preservative action and power of fixing loose teeth Insoluble powders have been objected to on account of their being apt to accumulate between the folds of the gums, and in the cracks of the teeth, and thus impart a disagreeable

ORGEAT ICE CREAM .- The ingredients are one ounce of sweet almonds, one-quarter of an ounce of bitter almonds, one pint of cream, eight yolks of eggs, four ounces of sifted sugar. Blanch and pound the almonds and flavor with orange-flower water; beat the yolks, add the sugar, and stir all together into the cream: thicken it over the fire, and, when taken off, stir until cold. It is then fit for the

ORGEAT WATER.-Blanch and break finely half a pound of sweet almonds with a few bitter ones, and one quart of weak syrup with a flavor of orange-water, boil these together, strain off the water through the jelly-bag, bottle it, and when used place the same in ice, and you will have a remarkably pleasant and healthy drink.

To CLEAN MARBLE.—Use some fine soap and water, to which add some ox-gall; above all, avoid using any acids.

AN ERROR OF PUNCTUATION .- A curate had this request to read before the litany: " A sailor going to sea, his wife wishes for the prayers of the congregation." Instead of which he read it: A sailor going to see his wife, wishes for the prayers of the congregation.

Beautiful things are suggestive of a purer and higher life, and fills us with mingled love and fear. They have a graciousness that wins us, and an excellence which we involuntarily reverence.

Artificial Flowers.

Lhe Rabbins tell an apocryphal but amusing tory respecting Solomon. The queen of Sheba, they say, presented herself one day near his throne, holding in one hand a wreath of real flowers, and in the other a wreath of artiffcial ones perfectly true to nature; and she requested Solomon to say which wreath was the real, and which the artificial. She stood at a sufficient distance to render minute inspection impossible, and make the apparent sameness between the two wreaths complete. How could the admired King guess which were the artificial, and which the real flowers, Solomon. for a moment stood puzzled; but wisdom can find out what folly could never hit at, and the King observing a cluster of bees humming without, he ordered a window to be opened, and immediately saw the sagacious insects rushing forward and alighting upon one wreaths while not an individual of them fixed on the other. He had now, of course, no difficulty in making his decision.

A writer who quotes and somewhat amplifies this story, says that it would make a beautiful poetic tale, and by applying the comparison of natural beauties and painted flowers to ladies-would yield a pungent moral. But some higher lesson may be drawn from it than to condemn the use of rouge. Artificial flowers, in any sense, are more than contemptible. Bees like something better. Whoever has either sagacity or a taste for honey-whoever possesses understanding and knows what nourishes it-will pass all imitation beauties, and artificial adornings, and mere exterior accom-plishments with silent scorn. Nothing attracts the sagacious bee but a true flower; nothing will attract a person of sense but na-tural, moral, or intellectual excellence. Artificial adornings, as a succedaneum for substantial attractions, are only a toy to simpletons ar a lure to knaves.

HOMELY TRUTHS FOR WIVES .- Do not hesitate between the choice of an expensive mantle and your husband's affection; the former may be dear to your back, but the latter should be dearer to your bosom.

Should your husband bring a friend home to partake of the remains of yesterday's beef, do not be churlish, but let a warm smile season the cold repast.

Prefer country rambles to town lounges the colors of the rose are brighter than the hues of silks, and the dew-drops outshine the jewellers' gems.

Be careful in brewing 'the cup which cheers, but not inebriates;' strong tea is better than weak arguments.

The hand which was pledged at the altar is not disgraced in sewing on a button; and remember as you sew, so shall you reap.

To CLEAN KID GLOVES .- Ladies will be glad to learn that alcohol will wash kid gloves without either straining them or leaving an unpleasant odor about them. The gloves are simply drawn upon the hand and carefully rub bed with a piece of clean flanel, wet with alco hol, until the soil is removed, then hung up to dry, and afterwards slightly stretched, when the original color re-appears. This we have rom one who has tried it successfully.

The shortest reason for using tobacco: Be-

Admiral Duncan remarked to his officers just previous to the approach of the Dutch Admiral De Winter: "Gentlemen, you see a severe Winter is approaching, you can't do better than keep up a good fire.

Should you, while walking with your friends meet an acquaintance, never introduce them.

Friendship springs up from sources so subtle and indefinable, that it cannot be forced into particular channels; and whenever the attempt has been made, it has usually been unsuccessful, "

The act of cutting can only be justified by some strong instance of bad conduct in the person to be cut. A cold bow, which discourages familiarity without offering insult, is the best mode to adopt towards those with whom an acquaintance is not deemed desirable. An increased observance of ceremony is, however, the most delicate way of withdrawing an acquaintance; and the person se treated must be obtuse, indeed, who does not take VOLUME

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